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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42, Notice of Forbearance from Lifeline BIAS Requirements

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Lifeline Modernization Order ("Lifeline Order")¹ and the Wireline Competition Bureau Forbearance Public Notice², TDS Telecommunications Corporation ("TDS"), on behalf of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETCs") subsidiaries submits this Notice of Forbearance conveying its intent to avail itself of the Lifeline broadband internet access service ("BIAS") requirements.

TDS is receiving Alternative Connect America Cost Model ("A-CAM") support³ which is a change to our ETCs' high-cost support. TDS received its first A-CAM payment on February 28, 2017. This filing reflects the TDS ETCs' Census blocks that are not A-CAM support recipients and therefore are not receiving high-cost support.

Although TDS is electing the Lifeline BIAS forbearance, where commercially available, TDS expects to offer and receive reimbursement for the Lifeline-supported BIAS service provided to eligible subscribers.

Attachment A reflects TDS' ETC designation information and Attachment B lists the Census blocks and associated Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Code where TDS elects forbearance.

¹ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration (rel. April 27, 2016)

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 11-42 (rel. November 22, 2016)

³ *Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes 182 Rate-of-Return Companies To Receive \$454 Million Annually in Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support to Expand Rural Broadband*, WC Docket No. 10-90 (rel. January 24, 2017)

Please contact me with questions concerning the information provided.

Sincerely,


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